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In re Application of: Uffe Loevborg

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For: Proteins with Changed Epitopes and Methods for the Production Thereof

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, before the first line, insert

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

A ^{14ws 8/20/98} and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,766,898, This application is a divisional application of serial no. 08/346,590 filed November 29, 1994, which is a continuation of 08/050,172 filed April 16, 1993 which is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national application of PCT/DK91/00382 filed December 5, 1991 and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of application serial no. EP 90610072.2 filed December 5, 1990, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 24-39.

24. A method of producing a protein variant evoking a lowered immunogenic response in animals including man in comparison to the response evoked by its parent protein, whereby said protein is epitope mapped using immunological and proteochemical methods, epitopes

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